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Collections to take place August 29-31 . . .

Frederick County Firefighters to Participate in Annual "Fill the Boot" Campaign

(Frederick, MD, August 28, 2013) -- The Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" campaign has been a tradition for the fire department since the 1950's, a great way to meet and greet local citizens and a way to raise money for great kids and a great cause. In 1953 a Lieutenant in the Boston Fire Department was so moved by the fight of one of his friends, whose two sons were battling muscular dystrophy, he went door-to-door seeking donations and raising money. At this point, the fundraiser was simply called the canister drive. The result of the drive turned into the first ever "Fill the Boot" campaign.

On Thursday, August 29, and Friday, August 30, personnel from local fire companies will collect funds during both the morning and afternoon rush hours. On Saturday, August 31, personnel will collect throughout the day.

Personnel will collect donations from vehicles while traffic lights are red and then move off the roadway during a green light. One person at each collection point will be positioned near the traffic light and will utilize a whistle to signal when the traffic light turns red notifying each person to move out of the roadway.

Chief Denise Pouget of the Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue Services commented on this year's campaign by saying, "We encourage the citizens of Frederick County to support our local firefighters during this important campaign. The funds raised will be used to fight for these great kids and others affected by this disease. Our personnel will conduct the campaign

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with safety in mind and I commend them for their efforts to help raise funds during these challenging economic times."

The collection points are identified below:

- Mill Pond Road at Worman's Mill Road
- Guilford Drive at Rt. 85 (Buckeystown Pike)
- Genstar Drive at Rt. 355 (Urbana Pike)
- Middletown Parkway at Rt. 40A (Old National Pike)
- Morning Gate Lane at Rt. 144 (Old National Pike)
- Sugarloaf Parkway at Rt. 355 (Urbana Pike)
- Crestwood Boulevard at Rt. 85 (Buckeystown Pike)
- Spring Ridge Parkway at Ridgefield Drive

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